

EXHIBIT 3



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1835 ASSEMBLY STREET, ROOM 865B-1
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201

JUN 03 2019

Regulatory Division

Mr. Scott Hendricks
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ashendri@southernco.com

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

This is in response to a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) (SAC-2019-00292) received on February 19, 2019, and considered complete on April 22, 2019. In submitting the PCN, you requested verification the proposed project is authorized by a Department of the Army (DA) Nationwide Permit (NWP).

The PCN contains identifying information for this project. The work affecting waters of the United States is part of an overall project known as South Augusta - Graniteville 230 and Sand Bar Ferry 115 kV Transmission Lines, to replace two existing 115 kV transmission line with one 115 kV Transmission line and one 230 kV transmission line that span over the Savannah River. The activities over waters of the United States include the replacement of two existing 115 kV transmission lines with one 115 kV Transmission line and one 230 kV transmission line. The project involves aerial crossing of not more than 2.69 acres of Navigable Waters of the United States. Specifically, this letter authorizes impacts to 150 linear feet and 2.69 acre of tributaries. The project is located above the Savannah River west of the intersection of Sand Bar Ferry Road and Cary Drive, Aiken County, South Carolina (Latitude: 33.4336°, Longitude: -81.9158°). The PCN also includes the following supplemental information:

- a. Drawing sheets 1-3 of 3 titled "South Augusta - Graniteville 230 and Sand Bar Ferry 115 kV Transmission Lines" and date May 28, 2019.
- b. A mitigation plan comprised of avoidance and minimization.
- c. A delineation of wetlands, other special aquatic sites, and other waters.

Based on a review of the PCN, including the supplemental information indicated above, the Corps has determined the proposed activity will result in minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects and is not contrary to the public interest. Furthermore, the activity meets the terms and conditions of Nationwide Permit 3 Maintenance.

For this authorization to remain valid, the project must comply with the enclosed NWP General Conditions, Charleston District Regional Conditions, and the following special conditions:

- a. That impacts to aquatic areas do not exceed those specified in the above mentioned PCN, including any supplemental information or revised permit drawings that were submitted to the Corps by the permittee.
- b. That the construction, use, and maintenance of the authorized activity is in accordance with the information given in the PCN, including the supplemental information listed above, and is subject to any conditions or restrictions imposed by this letter.
- c. That the permittee shall submit the attached signed compliance certification to the Corps within 30 days following completion of the authorized work.
- d. It is understood and agreed that if the District Commander determines this structure shall in any way in the future conflict with the improvement, operation, maintenance and widening or deepening of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam (NSBLD), the owners themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns will remove said structure within 45 days from the date that written notice is given by the District Commander, and there shall be no entitlement to compensation from the United States for damage or injury.
- e. That the Secretary of the Army, representing the United States of America, hereby consents to the herein authorized facilities or structures to be located on or across easement lands vested in the United States of America for the construction and operation of the NSBLD. The permittee shall not engage in any act which may interfere with or abridge the easement interests of the United States, except those specifically authorized herein.
- f. The permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.
- g. Use of the permitted activity must not interfere with the public's right to free navigation on all navigable waters of the U.S.
- h. The permittee must install and maintain, at their expense, any safety lights and signals prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), through regulations or otherwise, on authorized facilities. The USCG may be reached at the following address and telephone number: (as of February 2013) U. S. Coast Guard District Seven, Waterways Management Branch, 909 SE 1st Ave, Suite 406, Miami, FL. 33131, and 305-415-6755 or 305-4115-6750.


- i. **Any temporary mats/roads must be removed within 90 days from the commencement date of the project.**

This verification is valid until March 18, 2022, unless the district engineer modifies, suspends, or revokes the NWP authorization in accordance with 33 CFR 330.5(d). If prior to this date, the NWP authorization is reissued without modification or the activity complies with any subsequent modification of the NWP authorization, the verification continues to remain valid until March 18, 2022. If you commence, or are under contract to commence this activity before the NWP expires, or the NWP is modified, suspended, or revoked by the Chief of Engineers or division engineer in accordance with 33 CFR 330.5(b) or (c), respectively, in such a way that the activity would no longer comply with the terms and conditions of the NWP, you will have 12 months after the date the NWP expires or is modified, suspended, or revoked, to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this NWP.

This NWP is being verified based on the information you have provided. It is your responsibility to read the attached NWP(s) along with the General, Regional, and Special Conditions before you begin work. If you determine your project will not be able to meet the NWP and the conditions, you must contact the Corps before you proceed.

In all future correspondence, please refer to our file number SAC-2019-00292. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to State and/or Federal agencies for their information. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Swartz, Project Manager, at (803) 253-3906, or by email at Jonathan.M.Swartz@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Brice McKoy
Chief, Northwest Branch

Attachments

Permit Drawings
Nationwide Permit 3 Maintenance
Nationwide Permit General Conditions
Nationwide Permit Regional Conditions
Compliance Certification Form

Copies Furnished:

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SC DHEC - Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
WQCWetlands@dhec.sc.gov

Permit Number: _____

Name of Permittee: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the following address:

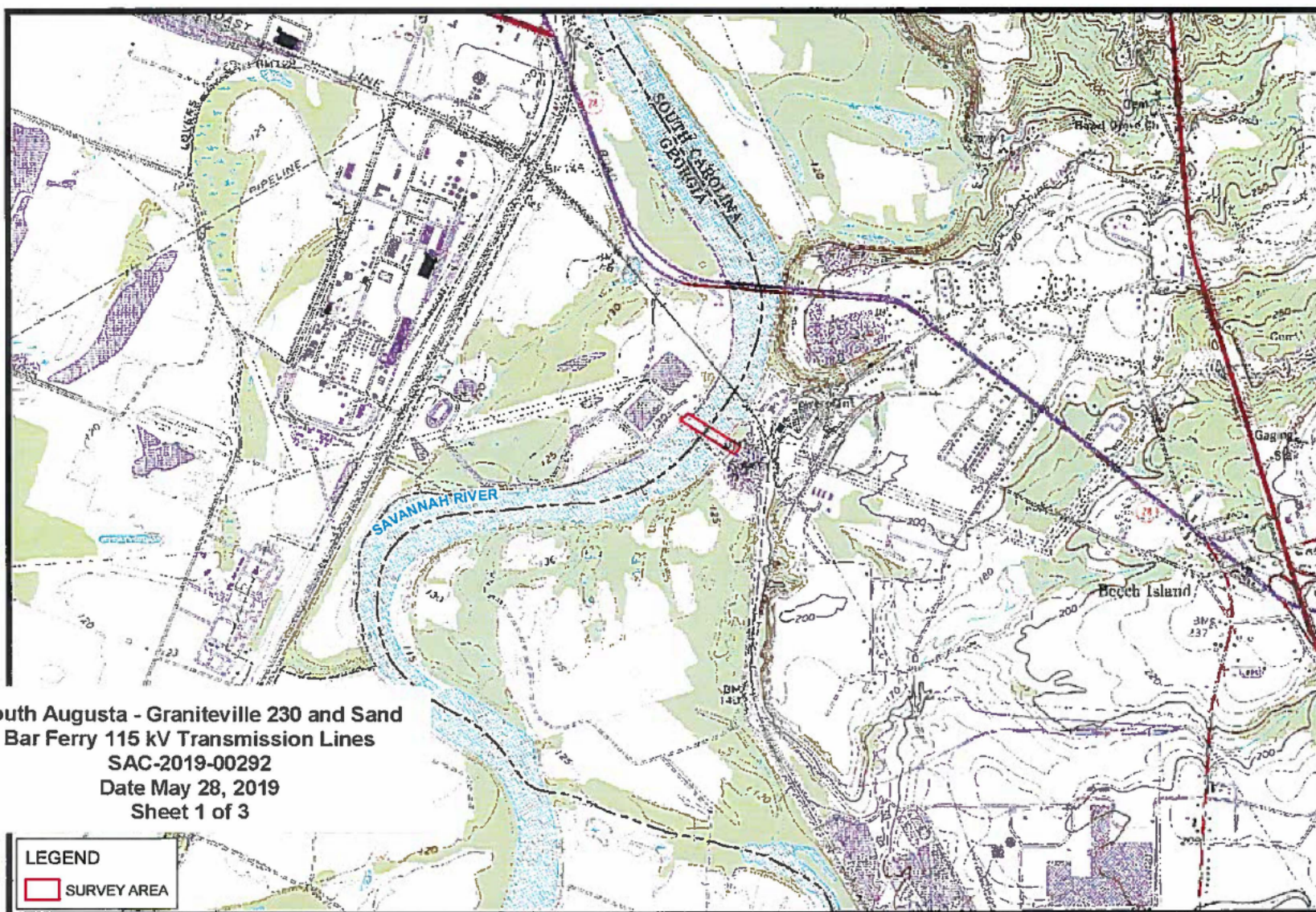
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Division
Northwest Branch
1835 Assembly Street, Room 865-B-1
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

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I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit, and required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Signature of Permittee



South Augusta - Graniteville 230 and Sand
Bar Ferry 115 kV Transmission Lines
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Sheet 1 of 3

LEGEND
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Ecological
Solutions

**PERMITTED
PLANS**

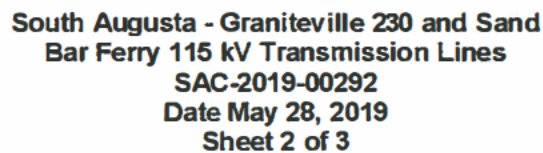
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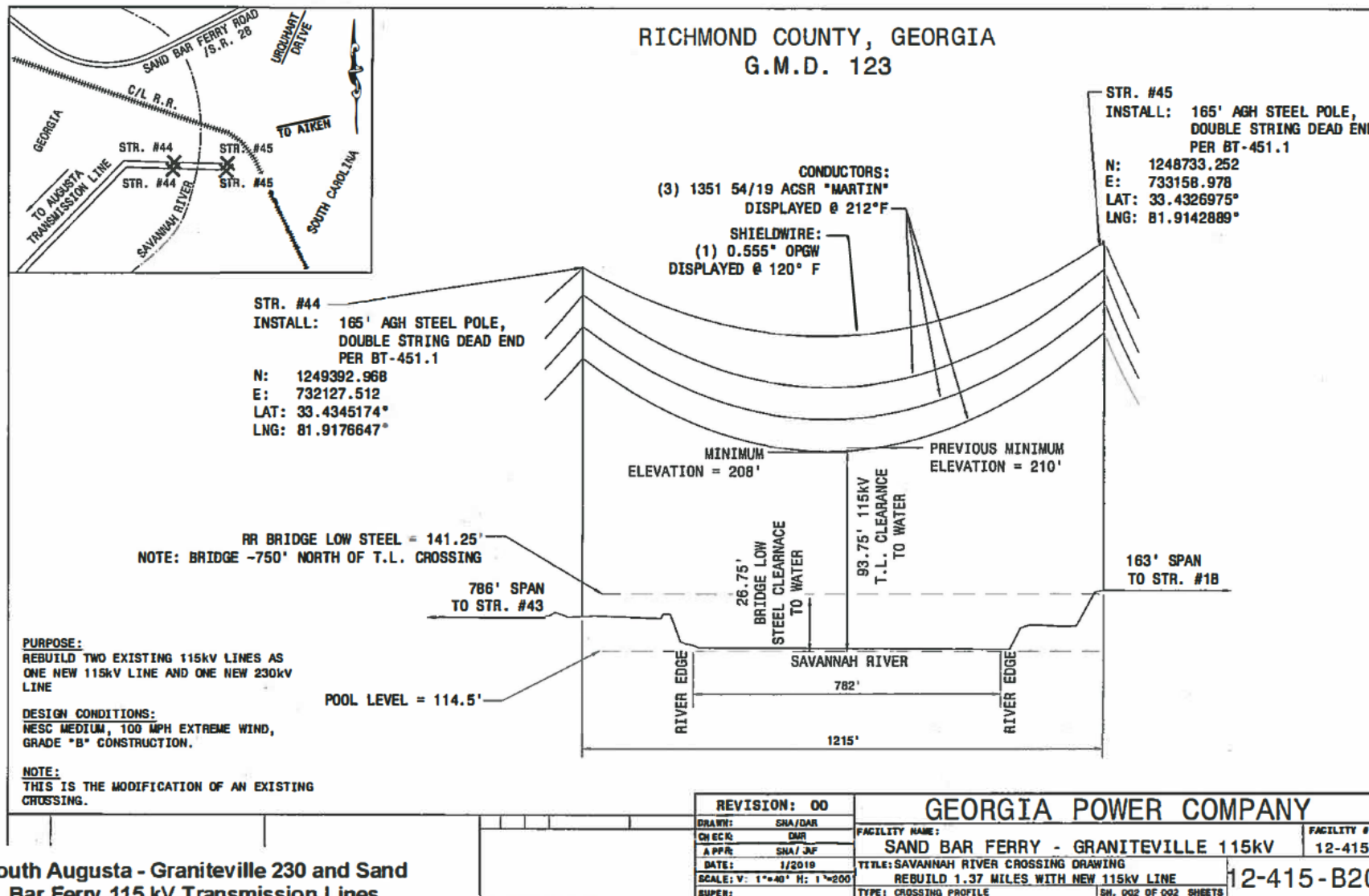
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
SOUTH AUGUSTA - GRANITEVILLE 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE
SAND BAR FERRY - GRANITEVILLE 115 kV TRANSMISSION LINE
RICHMOND COUNTY, GA
AIKEN COUNTY, SC
USGS TOPOGRAPHY
(AUGUSTA EAST QUADRANGLE)



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FIGURE 2.00





South Augusta - Graniteville 230 and Sand
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